


# Economic Instability in Minnesota

**577,000 Minnesotans**

 (including 175,000 children under age 18) live in households that are **below** the federal **poverty threshold.\***

**\*\$20,780 for a family of three in 2016.**

*“The income gap is increasing in our area and children are the ones who suffer the most and bear the long-term effect of living in low-income households.”*

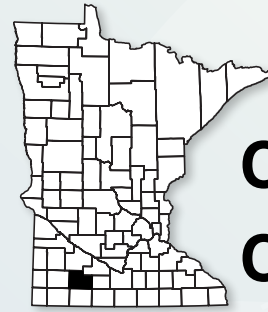
*~ Cynthia Huse, Garfield Lutheran Church, Madison*

**The Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) helps families meet their basic needs while working toward financial stability.**



**7 of 10 MFIP recipients are children**

**50% of those are under age 5** 



## Cottonwood County

Population: 11,549

Households in Poverty: 12.9%  
(up from 9.6% in 2000)

Children K-12 Receiving Free/  
Reduced Lunch: 48.3%

Children 0-5 Eligible for WIC:  
45.6%

Active MFIP Cases: 22

# of Children in CCAP (monthly  
average): 26

Households Receiving the  
Working Family Credit: 14.5%

Average Amount of Credit: \$779

**The Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) allows parents to work and children to succeed. CCAP provides flexibility to accommodate work and school hours.**



Poverty Data from the US Census Bureau (2016)

Free and Reduced Lunch Data from the Minnesota Department of Education (2016)

Data for children ages 0-5 from the US Census, American Community Survey (2017). Eligibility for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program at 185% of federal poverty guidelines.

MFIP and CCAP data from the Minnesota Department of Human Services (2018, MFIP numbers include those adults in the Diversionary Work Program)

Working Family Credit information based on data from the Minnesota Department of Revenue (2015)



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